GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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USING OF METRE GAUGE RAIL ON BROAD GAUGE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rails manufactured in 1947 and meant for metre gauge were used in 1987 on broad gauge in Jodhpur division which caused frequent derailment;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) to (c): The metre gauge sections of Phulera-Degana was renewed in 1987 with second hand 90R railsmanufactured in 1947 and released from Broad Gauge sections. At the time of gauge conversion the same rails were used. 90R rails were in use on Broad Gauge and can be used both on Broad Gauge and Metre Gauge.